867. The number of Telegraph Offices that were existing at the beginning of the year was 140 and the number of Telegraph Offices opened during the year was 10.

(v) Economic Development and Planning.

868. The Department of Economic Development and Planning prepared circular instructions regarding the "Village Plans—How to Prepare," Taluk and District Plans, in accordance with the instructions of the Planning Commission in order to make the people "plan-conscious."

869. The State Advisory Board for Planning and Development discussed the preliminary Draft Plan of Rs. 252 crores prepared on the recommendation of the sub-committees, and recommended only the important schemes for inclusion in the Plan keeping in view the financial implications.

870. The total outlay of the schemes thus recommended by the Advisory Board was Rs. 175 crores and this revised Draft Plan provisionally fixed at Rs. 84·73 crores by the Planning Commission.

871. A final Draft Plan of Mysore at a total cost of Rs. 85·21 crores was prepared giving full details of the schemes, physical targets, national income, employment potential, development of regional resources, etc.

872. A provision of Rs. 13·34 crores for development schemes was made in the Budget for the year 1955-56 and as against this provision, a sum of Rs 9·45 crores was spent during the year. **Progress of the Plan during the year.**

873. Seven schemes under Agriculture, 15 schemes under Food Production and nine Irrigation Schemes under Malnad Development works were included under this group head for which there was a budget provision of Rs. 75·54 lakhs for the year 1955-56. The total expenditure under all the schemes upto end of March 1956 was Rs. 47·83 lakhs. Fifty-four thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine tons of urban compost over 10,980 acres, 324 tons of improved seeds for 25,000 acres and 11,920 tons of manure mixture over 1,19,200 acres were produced and distributed during the year. Subsidies were given to 223 **Agriculture including Food Production and Minor irrigation.**

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wells, 52 tanks were restored, 10 tanks were desilted and 44 river, tank and feeder channels, etc., were improved during the year.

Veterinary and Animal Husbandry.

874. Eleven schemes were under execution under this group and a sum of Rs. 8·49 lakhs was spent against the budget provision of Rs. 13·83 lakhs. One lakh, twenty-seven thousand, one hundred and ninety-eight animals were dosed, 366 cattle were treated, 6,87,034 cattle were inoculated, 2,688 artificial insemination to the cattle was made, 7,58,353 poultry were vaccinated, 27,152 hatching eggs were distributed and rinderpest inoculation was done in 1,946 villages during the year.

875. A sum of Rs. 0·97 lakh was spent as against the budget provision of Rs. 2·43 lakhs for the development of fisheries in the State during the year. Six lakhs, fourteen thousand, eight hundred and ninety-one fish fingerlings were stocked, 94 tanks were auctioned and 6,75,778 lbs. of fish was caught during the year.

Irrigation and Power Projects.

876. Seven thousand seven hundred and eighty-two lighting installations, 817 power installations and 1,418 street lights were installed during the year. Twenty-nine villages were electrified and 608 irrigation pumps were serviced.

877. Several schemes under Forests, Co-operation, Rural Development, Irrigation and Power Projects, Transport, Industry, General Education, Public Health and Medical, Welfare of Backward and Depressed Classes, were under implementation during the year.

878. The amount provided in the Budget and the amount spent upto end of March 1956 was as follows.—

		Budget Provision	*Expenditure*
		Rs.	Rs.
1	Forests ...	2·27 lakhs	2·07 lakhs
2	Co-operation ...	2·04 ,,	1·76 ,,
3	Rural Development ...	3·74 ,,	4·30 ,,
4	Irrigation ...	473·67 ,,	377·65 ,,
5	Projects Power ...	372·00 ,,	175·62 ,,
6	Transport ...	168·73 ,,	181·08 ,,
7	Industry ...	98·43 ,,	62·82 ,,
8	Education ...	56·39 ,,	34·32 ,,
9	Public Health and Medical	33·41 ,,	35·67 ,,
10	Welfare of Backward and Depressed Classes ...	29·44 ,,	12·33 ,,

Industrial Labour Housing.

879. Construction of 3,218 houses in different industrial centres of the State was taken up at an estimated cost of Rs. 99,39,720 during the year. Commencing from the year 1953-54, 2,730 houses have been completed at various centres like Bangalore, Mysore, Mandya, Davangere, T. Narsipur, Channapatna, Harihar and Belagola. A sum of Rs. 68·39 lakhs was spent up to end of March 1956, under this scheme.

Low Income Group Housing.

880. A sum of rupees one crore was sanctioned as loan by the Government of India to Mysore State for implementing the Low Income Group Housing Scheme during the year. This sum was distributed among agencies for constructing and providing houses to the Low Income Group of individuals in the State.

881. Out of an allotment of Rs. 35 lakhs to the Mysore Provincial Co-operative House Building Corporation Limited, for advancing loans to individual applicants through a number of House Building Co-operative Societies, a total loan of Rs. 34,99,212 was sanctioned for construction of 480 houses through 25 Housing Co-operative Societies in the State and a total loan amount of Rs. 33,44,088 was disbursed during the year.

882. Three hundred and twelve houses were taken up for construction by the Labour Housing Corporation in various localities of Bangalore City. The total cost of these houses including the value of the sites works out to Rs. 24 lakhs.

883. A sum of rupees five lakhs was allotted to the City Improvement Trust Board, Mysore, for construction of 70 houses and a sum of Rs. 4,58,800 was distributed to eight Municipalities in the State to construct 194 houses for the low paid employees of the Local Bodies.

884. A sum of rupees four lakhs was sanctioned as House Building Loans to Governmen servants during the year.

Community Project

885. A Community Project was started in Sorab-Shikaripur area of Shimoga District on 2nd October, 1952. The budget allotment for the Project was Rs. 65 lakhs for three years. So far, a sum of Rs. 31 lakhs has been spent.

National Extension Service Schemes.

886. The National Extension Service Scheme as a part of an All-India Scheme was launched in the State on 2nd October, 1953. Twenty-one blocks were started in

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the State by the end of March, 1956. A sum of Rs. 55·95 lakhs had been spent on those Blocks during the First Five-Year Plan period. The peoples' contribution on account of their participation in Community Development Work has been estimated at Rs. 19·80 lakhs. Short-term loans distributed to the ryots amounted to Rs. 15·21 lakhs.

(vi) Industrial Labour.

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887. The Commissioner of Labour also continued to be the Chief Inspector of Factories and Boilers, Workmen's Compensation Commissioner for the State, Conciliation Officer for the State under the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947, Regional Provident Fund Commissioner, Chief Inspector of Plantations, Registrar of Trade Unions, Statistics Authority under the Industrial Statistics Act, 1942 and Certifying Authority under the Industrial Employment (Standing Orders) Act.

888. The Labour conditions in the State were generally peaceful during the year except for a few disturbances here and there. In all such cases due to constant vigilance and timely intervention by departmental officers the situation was brought under control resulting in the restoration of normal conditions with minimum loss of production.

Industrial Disputes.

889. During the year, ninety-eight industrial disputes were investigated and of these, 49 disputes were settled by conciliation, six by mutual agreement between the parties themselves, one was withdrawn, 35 ended in failure and seven were pending disposal at the end of the year.

Strikes and Lock-outs.

890. There were 39 cases of strikes and lockouts during the year. The total number of workers involved in the strikes and lock-outs and the total number of man-days lost during the period were 87,224 and 1,46,807 respectively. A sum of Rs. 24,297-9-6 was lost by workers by way of wages.

Lay offs.

891. There were nine cases of lay offs during the year.